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In re

U.S. Application of:

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For:

DRIVE DEVICE, POSITION CONTROLLER
PROVIDED WITH DRIVING DEVICE, AND
CAMERA PROVIDED WITH POSITION
CONTROLLER

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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 2001-078472 (SONY CORP), published March 23, 2001;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 8-201402 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published August 9, 1996; and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 6-229753 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published August 19, 1994.

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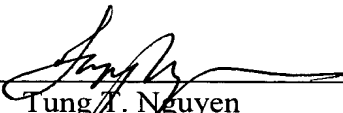
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- (5) Tong, U.S. Patent No. 5,729,015, issued March 17, 1998; and
- (6) Yoshida et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,512,321 B2, issued January 28, 2003.

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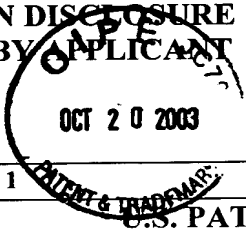
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